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**COMBINED AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

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In Re Application of: Authier  
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Filing Date: 10/29/1999  
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Invention: Water Freeze Control for Hot Tub Spa

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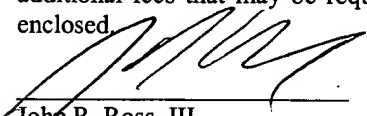
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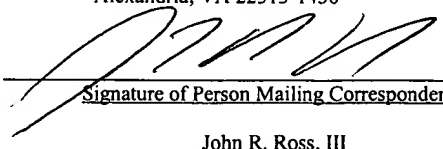
  
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Sir,

This letter is in response to Office Action dated 10/10/2003. Please find attached to this letter a request for a one month extension of time. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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